

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



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TO: LTMS Management Plan Workshop Participants
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SUBJECT: LTMS Management Plan Workshop on January 28, 1999

This mailing is intended to summarize the January 14, 1999 LTMS Workshop and to help participants prepare for upcoming workshops. This packet includes: (1) a summary of the items discussed at the January 14, 1999, workshop, (including handout describing dredging fees within and outside the Bay Area); and (2) a meeting notice for the January 28, 1999, workshop.

At the end of the January 14, workshop, participants decided to meet on January 28, even though some participants would be unable to attend. This decision was made in order to keep the process moving for preparing the LTMS Management Plan. The January 28, 1999, workshop will focus on potential fees for dredging projects.

At the January 28, 1999, workshop, we will discuss potential schemes for a dredging and/or disposal project fee structure under the LTMS. Those attending should consider questions to be raised at the workshop, and come prepared with suggestions as to how the following questions might be addressed:

1. Is fee intended to deter in-Bay disposal or to provide LTMS-related funding (e.g. subsidies for projects taking material outside the Bay; monitoring programs; LTMS implementation (e.g. staff costs); Upland/Wetland/Reuse implementation; etc.) or perhaps for both?
2. Would fee be assessed for all dredging projects or only those involving in-Bay disposal?
3. Would all projects be subject to a fee?
4. Would a fee vary depending on type of dredging project (i.e. small, medium, Corps)?
5. What would be a "reasonable" fee?
6. Who would collect and track fees?

To date, one idea suggested involves a potential surcharge on in-Bay disposal (e.g. \$2.00/cy) that would be used to subsidize projects taking material out of the Bay and thus encourage out-of-Bay disposal/reuse. Additional features of this proposal will be discussed at the January 28 workshop. Workshop participants are invited to prepare other ideas related to a potential fee for the January 28 workshop; in the interest of time, we ask that presentations be brief.

For those unable to attend the January 28, Workshop, comments can be faxed by January 27, 1999 to Jaime Michaels at 415-557-3767. Minutes from the January 28, workshop will be mailed to all Interested Parties.

A tentative schedule for future workshops has been prepared:

1. January 28, 1999: Dredging and Disposal fees
2. February 11, 1999: Action Plan for Upland Disposal/Reuse Sites
3. February 24, 1999: Management of Contaminated Sediments
4. March 11, 1999: CEQA Process in Relation to the LTMS Planning Process

Please contact us if you have any comments or questions.